

# Wayne Allard

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### **SENATOR ALLARD HAILS BRAC REPORT AS 'GOOD NEWS FOR COLORADO, GREAT NEWS FOR COLORADO SPRINGS'**

#### ***BRAC report delivered to Colorado lawmaker by former Fort Carson soldier***

WASHINGTON, D.C. – The Army representative who came calling on U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-Colorado) early Friday morning to deliver the Pentagon's Base Realignment and Closure (BRAC) recommendations was a soldier, formerly stationed at Fort Carson in Colorado Springs, who was recently transferred to Department of Defense headquarters in Northern Virginia. As he handed the BRAC report to Senator Allard, the Colorado lawmaker commented, "This has to be a good omen!"

Army Sgt. Stanley Hofferber turned out to be the bearer of good news: Colorado, and in particular Fort Carson, will gain thousands of new military personnel now stationed elsewhere under the recommendations unveiled by the Pentagon on Friday.

"This is excellent news for Colorado, and great news for Colorado Springs," Senator Allard said. "On occasion, Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> can turn out to be a good day."

Senator Allard attributed Colorado's good fortune to years of hard work by the Colorado congressional delegation and community involvement to help strengthen the mission of Colorado's major military installations.

"Congressman Hefley and myself have been working for years to strengthen the ability of Fort Carson, Peterson Air Force Base and Schriever Air Force Base to carry out their missions, and the BRAC recommendations have recognized this," Senator Allard said. "In addition, we worked hard to make Buckley Air Force Base a center of space excellence."

The Department of Defense's recommendations included:

- \* The transfer of a brigade combat team to Fort Carson from Texas (up to 5,000 new soldiers);
- \* The permanent stationing of a second brigade combat team from South Korea (up to 5,000 new soldiers);
- \* The addition of approximately 500 new military jobs to Peterson Air Force Base;
- \* The addition of approximately 100 new military and civilian jobs at both Buckley Air Force Base and Schriever Air Force Base.

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